

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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TOWN OF HURLOCK OPEN MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 7, 2013

5:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by Mayor Spratt. Roll Call was taken; Councilmembers present were Christopher Adams, Charles Cephas, Parker Durham, Gary Henry and Michael Nordstrom, also present was Mayor Joyce Spratt and Clerk John Avery.

Mayor Spratt asked Clerk Avery to explain what he had learned at the MACo Conference regarding the open meetings act. Clerk Avery explained the procedure for closing an open meeting in order to go to an executive session. Clerk Avery gave all Councilmembers copies of "Open and Closed Meetings" requirements that had obtained from the State Attorney Generals website. Clerk Avery stated that the Council must meet in open session, close the meeting by motion and vote, state the purpose of the closed meeting and state whether or not the Council will return to open session at the conclusion of the closed meeting.

Councilmember Adams made a motion to close the Open Session and go to Executive Session for discussion of financial matters relating to the proposal for a new Police Station and matters pertaining to the hiring of a new Town Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nordstrom and passed five in favor, none opposed. The Council will return to open session following the closed session

5:05 P.M. Open Meeting closed to go to Executive Session

5:45 P.M. Mayor Spratt reopened the open session. Mayor Spratt said that she was planning on having Hugh Vinson present at the January 14th meeting for a presentation recognizing his years of service to the Town. Mayor Spratt spoke on the need to hire a new attorney to represent the Town and Clerk Avery confirmed an appointment with the law firm, Cowdrey

Thompson, on January 10th to discuss the potential of their firm representing the Town. The Council will make the final decision as to what firm will represent Hurlock. The Mayor explained the need to only have an attorney present at one meeting a month.

There was discussion regarding posting meeting notices on a message board in front of the Town Offices. Clerk Avery said that he would research what is available. Councilman Cephas thought that signs coming into town would be good.

Mayor Spratt said that the Elementary School staff provided 250 dinners on Christmas day for residents, they had dine in, carry out or would deliver to those who could not get to the school. Everything was handled by school employees who have donated their time. They have been doing this for nine years. Following was a discussion about the meaning of Christmas.

Councilman Cephas stated that he would like to recognize Joe Spratt for all the volunteer work that he has done for the Town and on behalf of the Town. Councilman Cephas said that this year's Town parade was the best one ever and he was proud to see the Town participate in the Federalsburg parade. Mayor Spratt said that the Council could thank Mr. Spratt at the next meeting.

Councilman Nordstrom thanked the Mayor for everything she has done for the Town.

6:15 P.M. There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Nordstrom with a vote 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,


John Avery
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 1/28/13

Mayor Spratt 

Councilmembers

